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SUBJECT: FOOD SHORTAGE IN GUINEA: GOG REQUEST FOR  
ADJUSTMENT IN PL-480 TITLE I ACCORD

1. JANUARY 13, GUINEAN AMBASSADOR CAMARA, ACCOMPANIED BY  
COUNSELOR KEITA, CALLED ON AF/W AT HIS REQUEST TO  
DESCRIBE EFFECT OF DROUGHT IN NORTHEAST GUINEA AND TO  
REQUEST INCREASE IN PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT TO COVER  
RECENT INCREASES IN COST OF RICE.

2. CAMARA SAID THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM  
US OF THE FINDINGS OF THE MINISTER OF DOMAIN FOR RURAL  
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DEVELOPMENT. SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO  
GUINEAN AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK, TO INFORM THE UN, AND  
IN ROME, TO INFORM THE FAO. GUINEA HAD BEEN HARD HIT BY  
DROUGHT IN THE NORTHEAST (WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ROUGHLY  
THE AREA BORDERED BY THE TOWNS OF SIGUIRI, DONGOURA AND  
TONGUE AND THE MALIAN BORDER) AND BY AN ABNORMAL  
DISTRIBUTION OF RAINFALL ON THE COAST. HE SAID 41,750

HECTARES OF MAIZE, 58,000 HA. OF PEANUTS AND 240,000 HA. OF RICE HAD BEEN AFFECTED, RESULTING IN A SHORTFALL OF 35,000 MT OF MAIZE, 45,000 TONS OF PEANUTS AND 180,000 MT OF RICE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, CAMARA SAID HE BELIEVED THESE FIGURES INCLUDED NOT ONLY THE SHORTFALL

IN REQUIREMENTS TO FEED THE POPULATION, BUT ALSO PROVISION FOR SEED FOR NEXT YEAR. HE EXPRESSED REAL CONCERN REGARDING THE POOR WEATHER NOW, WHEN MANY CROPS ARE NORMALLY SOWN.

3. IN REPLY TO OUR QUESTION CAMARA SAID HE BELIEVED THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT A MISSION TO VERIFY THE GOG'S ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION. PRESUMABLY, HE SAID, THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE FAO.

4. WE ASKED CAMARA IF HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR FOODSTUFFS. HE SAID NO, THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED ONLY TO KEEP US INFORMED. WE THANKED HIM FOR THE INFORMATION, AND SAID OUR EMBASSY IN CONAKRY WOULD REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOG ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. CAMARA THEN RAISED HIS SECOND POINT. HE NOTED THAT THE RECENTLY SIGNED PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT PROVIDED INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE QUANTITY OF RICE ENVISAGED BECAUSE OF PRICE INCREASES. WE EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT

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TITLE I AGREEMENTS WERE DENOMINATED BOTH IN DOLLARS AND IN AMOUNTS OF SPECIFIC COMMODITIES BUT THAT THE LATTER COULD VARY ACCORDING TO PRICES IN EFFECT AT THE ACTUAL TIME OF PURCHASE. WE SAID THAT WE WERE NOW EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO OFFSET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE SHORT FALL CAUSED BY PRICE INCREASES. WE SAID WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM AS SOON AS A DECISION HAD BEEN MADE.

6. WE COMPLIMENTED CAMARA ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ALLOW THE ICRC DELEGATION TO VISIT CONAKRY AT A TIME OF ITS OWN CHOOSING. CAMARA MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF GUINEAN SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN PARTICULAR REGARDING THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ALLOW GROUPS SUCH AS YOUTH GROUPS AND WOMEN'S GROUPS TO VISIT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. CAMARA ASKED WHICH "TECHNICAL PROBLEMS" WERE DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PL-480 AGREEMENT. WE BRIEFLY DESCRIBED THE EFFECT OF THE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION ON PL-480 AND AGREED TO SEND HIM THE TEXT.

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